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Why Bryan Abandoned His Imperialistic Talk.

It transpires that Mr. Bryan was talking through his hat when in the face of the treaty, whose signing he urged, he declared if elected president he would give the Philippines a stable government, including independence, and then protect them from all outsiders in that independence. He wouldn't, nor he couldn't do any such thing, for the very simple reason that the United States agreed to certain stipulations in that treaty which cannot be violated, and one of the stipulations is a guaranty to Spain that her vessels for ten years shall have free access to the ports of the Philippines, and her goods the same chances as those of the United States, and further that all Spanish residents of the ceded territory shall be absolutely protected by the United States in their religion and in their properties. These are the solemn obligations of that treaty, promises which Mr. Bryan as president would not dare to violate. And Bryan knowing these obligations urged the ratification of the treaty. No such pledges were made as to Cuba. After seeing that a civilized government is established in Cuba the United States assumes no further responsibility. The Spaniards from centuries of experience knew that while Cuba might possibly manage a self-government, the Philippines could not, and that Spanish life and property would be utterly wiped out in the archipelago unless the United States agreed to establish and maintain a civilized administration of affairs.

It must have been that the attention of Mr. Bryan being called to these promises caused his sudden abandonment of "imperialistic" talk. This, together with the probability of his conclusion that the United States would never agree to his program of protecting several millions of half-savages in a pretended independence, must be the secret to Mr. Bryan's late hedging. There is only one honorable course for this government to pursue under that treaty, which Mr. Bryan favored, and that is to live up to its stipulations.

Kansas Wheat Inspiring Much Talk.

Kansas has again this year taken the lead as a wheat producing state, and she is getting much fame of the fact. Newspaper correspondents and statisticians, taking the number of bushels raised as a basis, proceed to construct some wonderful propositions, to string out trains of impossible length, probably to wind up with an estimate of how long the people of the entire world could subsist upon a single Kansas wheat crop. A wheat carnival or celebration was being held in Sumner county this week, and it proved a great success. But for all the extravagant tales told of the Kansas wheat crop a writer in the Chicago Record seems to take the cake. That individual asserts that the golden grain is simply piled up in heaps along the railway tracks, there being found no adequate storage, and the railways finding it impossible to move it as fast as offered. Another estimate is to the effect that the Kansas wheat crop of 1900 would load 5,200 trains of twenty-five cars each, or a train 585 miles long, and that the flour which this wheat will produce would make a loaf of bread miles and miles long, as wide as the Mississippi river and as high as the Parris tower. Another writer declares that Kansas are all wheat-crazy, and that corn raising will be abandoned and hogs and steers no longer be given pen or pasture room.

But little of all this talk is profitable, the most of it being nonsense. The central belt of Kansas is a great wheat producing section. That has been known for years. But that same belt has raised phenomenal corn crops, while the superiority of its live-stock, especially of hogs, cattle and horses, is conceded. What is a very easy crop to raise, there being little trouble in putting it in and less in harvesting it. But many times more Kansas farmers will grow independent and then rich in the production of other things than wheat. The farmer who has hay and oats and corn to feed, and hogs and cattle to sell, as well as wheat, is the farmer who, one year with another, will have the most to show for his labor and investment. Kansas 78,000,000 bushels of wheat crop, even if it should mean forty millions of dollars, would not equal the value of her other products by a long way. The eastern third of Kansas, which is a prosperous third of the state, raises comparatively little wheat, and the western third less. That 78,000,000 bushels of Kansas wheat which has caused so much talk was raised, for the most part, by less than one-fourth of the counties of the state.

The Bryan Snare at History.

Hayden is either fundamentally ignorant of his country's history or he is shamelessly trying to mislead public sentiment, says the New York Sun. He accuses the Republicans of being in the wrong and revolutionary in buying the inhabitants of the Philippines at so much per head, although there have in the past been five great national purchases of the same nature, chiefly under Democratic presidencies.

In 1802 Jefferson paid \$15,000,000 for Louisiana. That was a higher price per head, if the bargain is to be so described, than was given for the Philippines.

In 1819 General Jackson gave \$5,000,000 for Florida. This also exceeded Philippine quotations.

In 1848 President Polk paid \$15,250,000 for New Mexico and California.

In 1848 President Pierce paid \$10,000,000 for the Gadsden territory.

In 1867 President Johnson paid \$7,200,000 for Alaska.

In all, prior to the purchase of the Philippines, we paid about \$50,000,000 for new territory, in none of which was the inhabitants' consent to be governed ever asked for, and in none of which, when consent was forcibly refused, did the authorities of the United States fail to be upheld by the occupant of the White House and the military forces under his command.

This Democratic assault upon the present administration, which is following bravely in the footsteps of its illustrious predecessors in expanding American territory, is a distinctly pretense, without the shadow of historical justification. To the Bryanites it is a mask for free silver. To faithless gold Democrats it is a mask for Bryanism.

Americans Do Not Loot.

General Chaffee is greatly surprised because of the persistent and continuous looting going on in Peking. The American soldiers do not participate in this carnival of stealing, and their officers are compelled to endure the sneers of Europeans who say that they are foolish not to take good things when they can be had for the grabbing. Looting is contrary to the spirit of American military law. General Chaffee does not countenance it. He does not believe in it. He holds that it is demoralizing to the soldiers and inevitably will produce lax discipline and dangerous disobedience to orders.

General Chaffee is perfectly right. The American soldiers are not in Peking to see how much they can steal.

but to preserve the lives and rights of fellow-countrymen. The United States will demand indemnity from China in due time, and will collect it. It is to the honor of the American general, his officers and his soldiers, that they have been satisfied to look on in silent contempt while the forces of the allies were loading themselves with the spoils of Peking.

A Cowboy Has His Backbone With Him.

Senator Pettigrew made the assertion, in a speech, delivered at his home, Sioux Falls, that Roosevelt did not lead his regiment up San Juan Hill. At the recent Roosevelt meeting in the town many of Col. Roosevelt's old regiment came to greet him, some of them from quite a distance, and one Rough Rider traveling 150 miles. This particular cowboy heard of Senator Pettigrew's utterance for the first time while in Sioux Falls, and, mounting his horse, he would ride up to a street corner and issue this challenge:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: I have heard there are people in this town who say Col. Roosevelt was away in the rear at San Juan and did not lead his regiment in the charge we made that day. I was in that regiment and followed Col. Roosevelt up that hill. My captain was killed and several of my company. I saw that fight—I was in it. Whoever says Col. Roosevelt did not lead the regiment in that charge is a liar, a scoundrel, a coward and dare not tell me so to my face."

Then he would wait a minute, then ride to the next block and repeat the same challenge.

A Bouquet for Kansas.

In a glowing tribute to Kansas the National Tribune, after the statement that there were no white inhabitants in the state in 1850, says of it as it is now: "The land is filled with a happy and a prosperous and a virtuous people. There is a church in every hamlet, a school house on every hillside, and the golden, tangled maize waves its amber locks in the summer breezes where the buffalo wallowed and the coyote drank. The crack of the hunter's rifle has given place to the chime of the church bell, and the smoke from half a million happy firesides has replaced the solitary trapper's fire. Where the Indian scalped his enemy the clergyman preaches Christ, and the war-dance of the aborigines has retired before the communion table of the Christian. Where the beaver built his dam, the saw and grist mill now stand and populous cities rich in all the fruits of the 19th century civilization occupy the former sites of the prairie dog villages. Westward the star of empire has indeed taken its way, and its brightest beams are thrown with most effulgent splendor over the magnificent area of Kansas."

In Money Matters Now Leads the World.

A forecast of Comptroller Dawes' report shows that the United States leads all countries in its banking power, that is, capital stock, right of issue, and deposits. Mithall estimated it to be \$5,000,000,000 ten years ago; he estimated that of Great Britain to be \$4,500,000,000. According to the best available figures, the banking power of the United States today is \$8,968,000,000; that of Great Britain is only \$7,200,000,000, giving the United States a lead of \$1,768,000,000. The report will show also that the number of bank failures during the past year has been smaller than usual, and that there is a continued increase of banking facilities. From March 14 to August 31, the applications for banks with less than \$50,000 capital were 343, and those for banks with more than \$50,000 capital were 109. The banks organized with capital less than this limit number 215, and those organized with capital above, 88.

Li Hung Chang Interviewed.

Joaquin Miller sends to the New York Journal a 2,000-word interview with Li Hung Chang, purporting to have been had since the latter was appointed commissioner to treat with the powers for peace. Miller set out to question the aged Chinaman, but we observe that the latter asked sixteen questions to none by the former, and that the utmost of opinion expressed by Li was that the English and Americans disliked the Russians, and that the latter are unreliable—something he very probably did not say. As a record of the opinions of Miller the interview will be preserved by his friends and admirers, but as a contribution to aid in solving the intentions of Li Hung Chang, it leaves the mind of the crafty Chinaman as completely a closed book as before, convicting him of nothing except of being the greatest interviewer of the age.

Will Run Manila If You Please.

Attorney General Griggs has given an opinion on the request of the Manila Railway company for payment by the United States of the amounts guaranteed by the concessions granted by the government of Spain. He holds that this government is not liable for contracts made by the Spanish government, but that the provinces through which the railroad runs and which under the terms of the concession were to pay two-thirds of the guarantee, are under a general equitable obligation for that proportion of the subvention.

The extreme easterner who sees nothing new might have timidly against expansion. But it is beyond comprehension that any westerner, who has nothing but what is new, but what he has pointed out of the shapely frontier, should be against an expansion of territory.

The Democratic cowboy at Salt Lake City who, during the absence of the Republican governor, appointed a United States senator, was joking, but it is a joke that the man appointed senator doesn't laugh about when he is alone, for wishing it were serious.

If the dispatches should publish daily for the next three months that the allies had captured the Pu Taiang and the Lu Tai forts, most of the newspaper readers would take it for a new dispatch every day.

In a case of prosecution of a doctor for failing to report a case of tuberculosis, the Michigan supreme court holds that a court can not hold that a disease is dangerous or not; that a jury must decide that.

Of course Dewey did not sink the Spanish fleet. He didn't fire a gun. He simply hit the water of the bay with a plank, and the resultant wave overwhelmed the Spanish fleet and sank it.

If the powers withdraw from China now, it means simply that at a later day, when the Chinese are better prepared to oppose them, they will have to seize the country again.

Germany is right about one feature of the Chinese question—unless the ringleaders of the mobs are delivered precedent to negotiations, they will never be delivered at all.

That short dispatch from Blagovestschensk telling of the massacre by Russians of 2,000 Chinese is probably as badly mixed as the alphabet itself in those parts.

How quick the commercial spirit recovers. Clara Barton asks the nation to send money to Galveston, not provisions, as the local merchants have stocks.

"Because I know the west I feel that I know America," says Roosevelt. Every westerner who has visited the south or east knows what Roosevelt means.

It will be noticed that the foreign ministers at Peking are not telling their experiences in detail. They have probably been asked to refrain.

Uncle Sam is willing to take up his white man's burden, but he doesn't want any yellow in his title early in the game.

This nation will really have begun to fall when the faint-hearted are numerous enough to dictate its policies.

Galveston's courage is superb, but the greatest demand on its discouraged citizens will be that of patience.

The Empress Dowager has lately issued an edict ordering the Boxers exterminated. This is unkind.

Why Major Smoked.

"You're a brute." "I don't give a blank if I am. Any man would like you. Put out the light and let me go to sleep." "I won't if I don't want to." "Can't you read enough in the daytime without keeping a man awake all night?" "Shut up!"

Thereupon followed a volley of oaths, and the guests of the hotel who, in their quiet, dark rooms, heard this conversation through thin, wooden walls knew that Major Little and Mrs. Little had returned to Waterloo. Major Little, a former army officer, had married Mrs. Little, a widow, for her money, people said. This was only a rumor, but it seemed to be a reasonable one. First of all, there was Mrs. Little, herself, whose personal appearance supported this view. Short and stout, with a red nose, a large, shapeless forehead, washed-out blue eyes, and numerous bald spots, which no mode of doing her hair could conceal, she stood at the zero mark of physical attractiveness. She had a few things, a high, pitched, rasping voice, which she used continually, except after a falling out with Major Little, when she was wont to lapse into a mood of sullen gloom. This was the first argument in favor of the mercenary marriage theory. Then, besides, it was known that Major Little had no business, except that of waiting on Mrs. Little's nervous lap dog. The major was a small, sallow man, with close-cropped, black hair, and a ragged mustache, which he was in the habit of grooming with his fingers. Mrs. Little was in one of her gloom moods at breakfast the next morning. On these occasions she always punished the major by making him eat his meals alone, allowing him to follow her when she entered the dining room. This time, however, the major waited for her, long after he had eaten his breakfast, with his face buried in his newspaper. But as soon as she was seated opposite him he began to be assiduously, though attentively, attentive, anticipated her wants, passed her the sugar and the salt, and endeavored to be sure that the eggs were boiled just three minutes and a half. Mrs. Little, with her fingers curled to shift off her rages, manipulated her spoon and fork with a dexterity and movements, but paid not the slightest attention to the major. After trying for some time to evoke some expression of gratitude or recognition from his wife, the major gave it up as a bad job, and, turning up his paper, and stumped out to the piazza, where he settled himself with his feet on the rail.

The major did not look up when, half an hour later, Mrs. Little, with her dog, joined him.

"What a glorious morning!" she exclaimed, sniffing the fresh air. "You poor man, you don't want a cigar, don't you? Why don't you smoke one?"

The major looked up with astonishment plain on his face. Clearly, he could not understand his wife's change of humor, and, under a sense of uneasiness, and, above all, the reference to the cigar. The major only smoked when his wife suggested it, and she did that only when she was in a state of gloom. He smiled greedily as he produced a cigar from his waistcoat pocket, and prepared to listen to the flow of speech that should enlighten him as to the cause of his wife's smiles, complacency, and excitement.

"I heard Mrs. Van Dusen and Mrs. Rogers talking in the dining room," she said, "and they were going to have a fair here in the parlors on Thursday. And I heard Mrs. Van Dusen say something about the fresh-air fund, so I suppose it is for that. They're going to give booths for flowers and lemonade and ice cream and that sort of thing, and a fancy table. It really is a very nice idea if they get every one interested in it. You know such things make a place like this so much more sociable. I was interested at once, and made up my mind to do something for the fancy table."

Mrs. Van Dusen and Mrs. Rogers are going to have the fancy table themselves. I heard them say so. Mrs. Rogers says, 'Don't you think I had better take the cake table?' and Mrs. Van Dusen says, 'I'm going to have so many things on the fancy table that it will need two.' Mrs. Smith can take the cake table."

Neither Mrs. Van Dusen nor Mrs. Rogers had ever by word or look given Mrs. Little any reason to suppose that they regarded her as anything different from an inanimate object, a table, or a chair. But she talked about matters just as much as though they were intimate friends of hers.

"Come along down to the village," she said at last, "I want to see some yarn and some silks." And she led the major off.

Mrs. Van Dusen was sitting on the piazza with a pile of fancy-work in her lap, when Mrs. Little returned. The major had strolled off to give the dog an airing. Mrs. Van Dusen, usually a cautious and clever social tactician, made a fatal blunder. She looked up and caught Mrs. Little's eye. Mrs. Little smiled, bowed, and exclaimed:

"What lovely silks! You are making something for the fair, I suppose. I have just heard that the village is going to get worsteds to make some slippers for it. I crochet beautifully," she continued, sitting down, uninvited, "my slippers always sell at a fair. When Major Little and I were at Newport last summer the ladies had a fair and I made six pairs of slippers for them. They sold them all for \$2.50 each. We had them on a boarding house there, a very pleasant place, though there were some very common people there. I think we shall go there again this summer. I have just heard that the village is going to get worsteds to make some slippers for it. I crochet beautifully," she continued, sitting down, uninvited, "my slippers always sell at a fair. When Major Little and I were at Newport last summer the ladies had a fair and I made six pairs of slippers for them. They sold them all for \$2.50 each. 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